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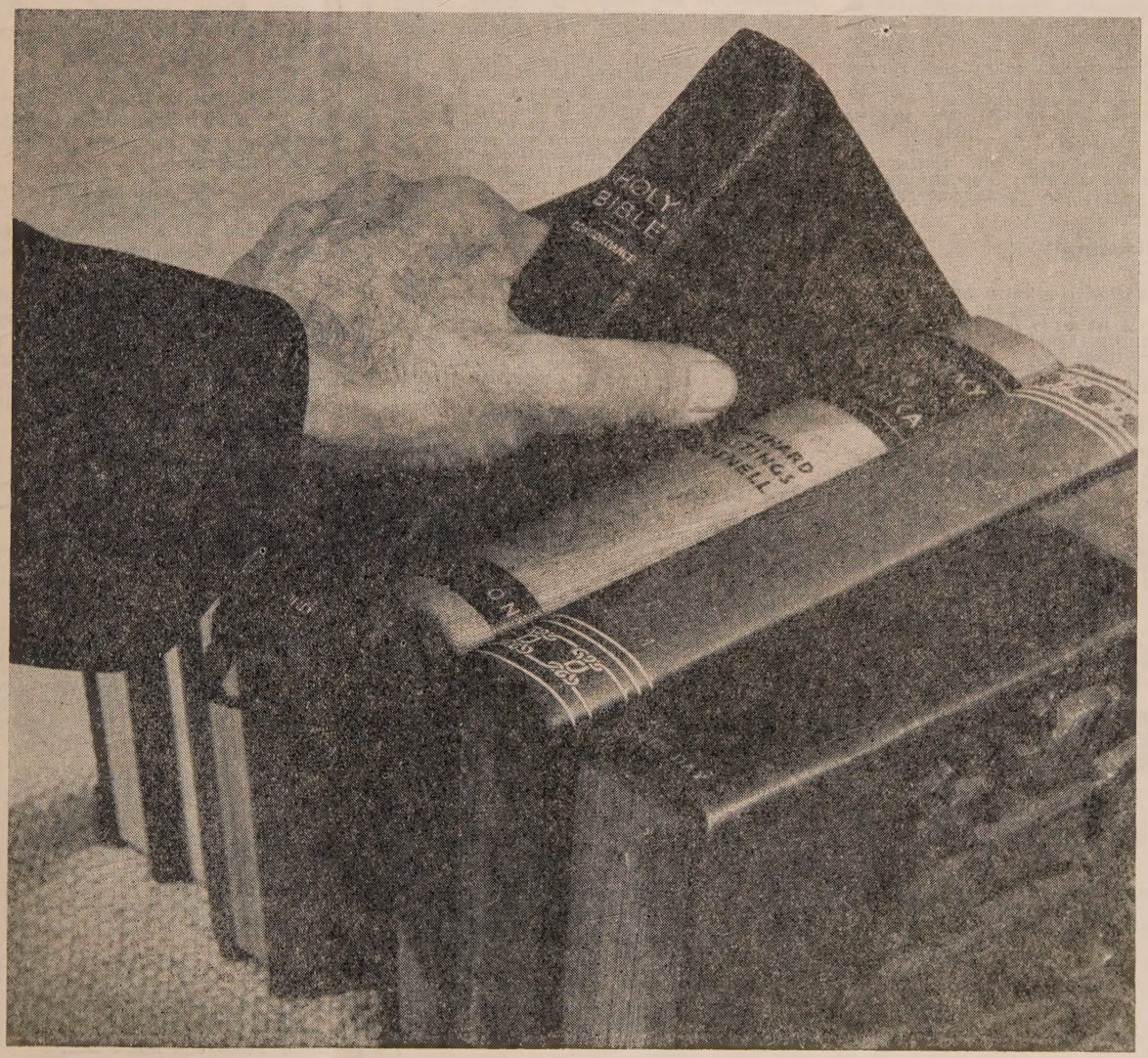

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To the Editor:

Please renew our subscription to *Action* magazine for three years. During our service on the mission field in Ethiopia we have always considered *Action* as our most valuable Christian periodical. May the Lord help you to keep up the good work.

DONALD W. CALHOUN

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Write Those Editors!

To the Editor:

I think we should write letters of appreciation to the editors of all newspapers and magazines which have not been deceived into accepting advertising for intoxicating drink. The Bible states: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).

In taking this stand against intoxicating drink these editors are constantly under pressure from the "wets." Their stand against liquor is with the Word of God as the Bible says, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also . . . ." (Habakkuk 2:15. "Drunkards shall not inherit the Kingdom of God" is stated in First Corinthians 6:10. In effect these brave editors are saying that intoxicating drink is evil, not good and therefore we will have no part in promoting its sale and consumption.

In the *Sword of the Lord*, a religious paper that comes weekly to my desk, I read that a survey of fifteen turnpike authorities in fourteen states revealed that all, without fail, prohibit or will prohibit the sale of alcohol on toll roads under their jurisdiction. This is also good.

Brethren, let us make our temperance testimony known at every opportunity.

ARTHUR HOUK

Morrison, Ill.

"A Real Blessing"

To the Editor:

Action magazine continues to be a real blessing and inspiration to me. I appreciate seeing it from issue to issue and read it through carefully. God bless you in your great ministry these days.

TED W. ENGSTROM

Wheaton, Ill.

Evolution Under Fire

To the Editor:

Thank God that *Action* magazine is standing its ground against the evolutionary hypothesis. It makes me sick to see some of our so-called "evangelical" editors and "leaders of thought" letting down the bars, when any intelligent discerning person should know that there is not one scintilla of scientific, factual proof that man came from an ape.

All recent discoveries have weakened the evolutionary view. The Piltdown Man fake has been exposed. The rest of their fairy tales and myths deserve to be punctured.

The American anthropologists laboring among the fossils uncovered in Tuscan coal mines now are casting grave doubts on the ape idea. Man, they reason from the fossils, has been walking the earth for at least ten million years and could have been well identified then as man. Dr. Helmut de Terra of Columbia University, directing the Tuscan study, doubts that man ever was directly related to the higher anthropoids.

Stand by your guns! The Lord, the Holy Scriptures and the truth are on our side. We need to pray for the young thinkers in evangelical ranks who are being tempted to stray from the path of "thus saith the Lord" and to drink at the Pierian springs.

JOSHUA STEUCHER

Inglewood, Calif.

A Brave Stand

To the Editor:

Your readers ought to know of the brave stand of Pastor R. A. Ofstedal, First Lutheran Church, Decorah, Iowa against the move to bring the Evangelical Lutheran Church (Norwegian) into the World Council of Churches.

In the *Lutheran Herald*, official organ of the denomination, Pastor Ofstedal has had a series of three articles sustaining his position. He has maintained a high standard of fairness and has been factual and authentic in his argument. In one case I noted that he referred to Dr. Murch's great critique of the WCC, *The Coming Great Church*.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church has hitherto refused to join the Council, but in view of the pressures which are being brought upon its leaders in the approaching Lutheran merger there is every reason to believe that the Norwegians will soon be in. Pray for the loyal pastors who are doing all they can to save us from this debacle.

PAUL SEVERSON

Chicago, Ill.

Not Strong Enough

To the Editor:

Your brochure, "The Coming Great Church," (p. 31) is most valuable. Send me 100 copies for distribution. Permit me, however, to make this observation: Considering the personnel and the evident purpose of the World Council of Churches it should have been much more strongly denounced. To one who studies the signs of the times, this organization is but the spearhead of "The Great Apostasy."

W. H. BUTLER

New Castle, Pa.

How He Can Breathe

To the Editor:

Some misguided enthusiast has been sending your magazine to me. Please discontinue it. I know your kind. You will not cooperate with other Christians in missions, prayer, worship or discussion. You make the Bible a fetish and doctrinal deviations are forbidden. If I had to live in such a narrow fellowship I would suffocate.

W. E. FISHER

Boston, Mass.

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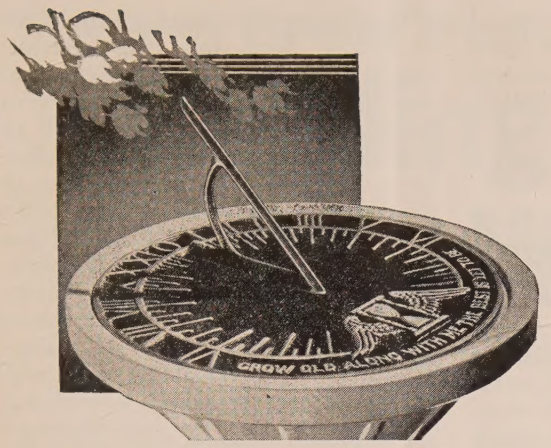

Reviewing the Year in Books

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Book Editor, United Evangelical Action

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A NUMBER of magazines make up annual lists of significant or recommended books in the field of religion. The bases upon which these lists are compiled vary with the viewpoint of the magazine and the compilers. *The Library Journal* has its annual religious books number (last year it was the September 1 issue). This list is compiled by the Book Selection Committee of the Religious Round Table of the American Library Association. They list as their criteria the following: objective scholarship, original thinking, thought-provoking analysis, inspirational witness to religious conviction, and/or lucid editorship. Understandably this committee must have on it Jewish and Catholic persons. The committee speaks of its current selections as "50 outstanding volumes culled from a wealth of recent religious literature of great excellence." Other lists are published by *Saturday Review, Christian Herald, Publishers' Weekly,* and a number of others. A distinguishing feature of most of these is the lack of truly evangelical titles, such as will be found in our evangelical list.

What, then, is the basis for the selections in our two lists? This year the lists represent a little wider viewpoint in that a number of people were invited to collaborate. A list was submitted by Lloyd Kalland of Gordon Divinity School and book editor for *Christian Life,* and a few titles were suggested by Paul Kephart, librarian of Wheaton College. What may be called casual collaboration was also had with Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, both of Fuller Theological Seminary; Miss Mary Horan, head of the department of philosophy and religion of the Los Angeles Public Library; and Tom Magowan, manager of the Biola Book Room in Los Angeles. The final form of the lists, however, is the sole responsibility of the book editor. The typical group for whom these selections were made consists of the full time Christian worker, whether pastor, teacher, or other specialist, who is presumably at least a college graduate, and who wants to be acquainted with the significant literature of the Bible and related themes. In addition to these we have in mind the intelligent layman, who is a much less definable individual, but who is coming more and more to a state of literacy and competence in the discussion of these things, bringing to religion the same semi-professional or professional attitude that he practices in secular pursuits. Many of these are engaged in Christian work of some kind as a part-time ministry. Students in Bible colleges and theological seminaries are also in mind.

Several fields are represented in these selections: theology, church history, philosophy, exposition, the Christian life, the Bible and science, missions, preaching apologetics, the Revised Standard Version as a translation, and Christian psychology. This year there is no volume of sermons, not that there were not some good ones, but that it is hard to pick one and not another, and space was limited. We were particularly impressed with Robert Munger's volume, *What Jesus Says; The Master Teacher and Life's Problems* (Revell, $2.50). Competition for the evangelical list was keener this year than for several years. Two publishers who do not ordinarily make the evangelical list are to be found on that side this year: Doubleday with Billy Graham's *Secret of Happiness,* Philosophical Library with Hough's *Ministry of the Glory Cloud,* and Harper with Ernest White's *Christian Life and the Unconscious.* On the other hand we have Baker Book House with the *Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* on the other list this year.

Report From the Publishers

In the evangelical list there was a wider spread of publishers represented than last year—seventeen as against thirteen. Again Eerdmans leads the list with four titles and Concordia, Moody, Presbyterian and Reformed, Revell, and Zondervan all follow with two each. In the other list Macmillan was out in the lead with seven titles, followed by Harper with four and Abingdon with three. Oxford and Scribner's each had two.

Eerdmans report that Dr. James DeForest Murch is at work on a history of the National Association of Evangelicals which is due to be published early this summer. They will also sponsor jointly with Inter-Varsity and Tyndale Press of London a new set of commentaries for the popular reader covering all the books of the Bible. General editor for the Old Testament volumes will be Dr. Edward J. Young of Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia, and for the New Testament volumes it will be Professor R. V. G. Tasker of London University. Other titles announced are *The Blessed Hope,* by George E. Ladd; *Expanded New Testament Translation,* by Kenneth Wuest; *Aspects of Biblical Ethics,* by John Murray; and *Philippians: The Gospel at Work,* by Merrill C. Tenney.

Zondervan reports that their best seller for the year was Eugenia Price's *Never a Dull Moment,* and they fully expect Billy Graham's *Seven Deadly Sins* to be their best for 1956. In all they released 132 titles of books and booklets and 38 song and chorus books (including about 28 taken over from Van Kampen and Singtime). Ten volumes of the Charles Simeon *Expository Outlines* were released and

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15,000 copies of DeHaan's *The Tabernacle* were sold. Zondervan also reports the formation of a new corporation, Zondervan Music Publishers, by B. D. and P. J. Zondervan with Robert J. Hughes, formerly music editor with Singspiration, A new hymnal for evangelical churches will be one of their first major projects.

Revell feels sure that 1955 brought to Christian readers more sound evangelical books from more publishers than in any previous year. This they explain as the result of the growing need for this type of books brought about by the insecurity of our times, and the increasingly effective job of production, sales, and merchandising done by evangelical publishers. Their top seller for the year was again *Angel Unaware,* by Dale Evans Rogers, with approximately 111,000 copies. Charles E. Fuller's *The Tabernacle in the Wilderness* along with five other titles went into the many thousands of copies.

Best Sellers

Three religious books made the best seller list of the ten top non-fiction titles for 1955: *Power of Positive Thinking,* by Norman Vincent Peale, which was second again (having been second also in 1953 and 1954 and sixth in 1952); *A Man Called Peter,* by Catherine Marshall, in fourth place; and Billy Graham's *Secret of Happiness,* which was seventh, and sold 115,697 copies. According to the *Publisher's Weekly* tally religious books were down twenty-six from last year, but again held third place, yielding only to fiction and juveniles. It is interesting that it was followed by biography in fourth place. Wilson's *The Scrolls from the Dead Sea* reached the list in December. Harper's *All of the Women of the Bible,* by Edith Deen, sold 50,000 copies in about three months.

The Revised Standard Version of the Bible sold 800,000 copies in 1955, but due to the normal volume of Bible sales it has not been included as a best seller since its first year on the list. We feel that the publishers owe us some report and index of corrections and changes that are being made from printing to printing. Scholars will be obliged to cite this version by including the year of publication when discussing technical points. The book editor himself discovered one typographical error and reported it, which they said would be corrected in the next printing. Incidentally the *Concordia Theological Monthly* carried an article in its March issue raising the problem of whether this version should be considered for use in their catechetical manuals, and also raising the question of how many, if any, real changes are being made as a result of scholarly criticism.

Controversies

The most discussed evangelical book of the year was doubtless Bernard Ramm's *The Christian View of Science and Scripture.* More serious reviews were written on this volume and more societies scheduled discussion sessions on it than for any recent evangelical work. That there are two sides of the question is evident from these discussions and from the reviews. One of the things that shocks some people is that no religious movement or mood is either static or permanent. It may grow or die, but it will change. Each new generation, if it is alive, will rethink the major problems for itself, and this is both good and bad. Looking at the matter from a higher viewpoint and for a greater distance, one can discern a number of movements, rather than only one. It could quite easily be demonstrated that some of the liberals are becoming more conservative and some of the conservatives more liberal.

Some of the hottest arguments are going to come out of the publication of the translations of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Nearly every magazine that has compiled a list of best religious books of late has carried an article on the scrolls. Many others have published feature articles and editorials.

John Haverstick in his article in *Saturday Review's* religious book survey number (March 3 issue), entitled "The Battle of the Dead Sea Scrolls," speaks of Dupont-Sommer, the French writer who first suggested that the scrolls might be a threat to the uniqueness of Christ and of Christianity, as a 'devil's advocate.' It was from Dupont- Sommer that the *New Yorker,* and later Edmund Wilson, picked up this suggestion and carried it further than it should have gone. Wilson wrote, "Will or will not this process of elucidation inevitably have the effect of making Jesus less than superhuman?" The conflict has raged since then, and will rage for some time to come. The Unitarians were quick to pick this up, and minister from Albuquerque, Franklin P. Smith, wrote to the *New York Times,* "It ought to be quite obvious to all that the Dead Sea Scrolls, as Mr. Wilson rightly infers, (are) going to cause a new evaluation of Christianity. The Pre-Existent Christ, the establishment of unique sacraments, the development of original rituals, all that the official Church has cherished for the last two thousand years will have to be revaluated." Jews, Catholics, and Protestants alike took up the controversy. *Saturday Review* must be commended, however, for contacting Dupont-Sommer himself and getting from him his own rebuttal, "I believe that the Dead Sea scrolls do not deny the divinity of Jesus (even) in the sense of 'Son of God Incarnate.' In a general sense, viewed as a whole, the originality of the Christian Church seems to me to remain unchallenged."

Millar Burrows in his masterful volume speaks very conservatively when he says, "For myself I must go further and confess that, after studying the Dead Sea Scrolls for seven years, I do not find my understanding of the New Testament substantially affected" (p. 343).

So far most of the talk has been *about* the Scrolls. Now in Burrow's book we have the real thrill of the year in being able to read in translation *The Damascus Document, The Habakkuk Commentary, The Manual of Discipline,* selections from *The War of the Sons of Light with the Sons of Darkness,* and selections from the Thanksgiving Psalms. Even though two thousand years old these writings come to us with a freshness that is exciting. It has been said that all books are new for him who has not read them. Who can fail being humbled by the confession in the closing of *The Manual of Discipline:*

> But I belong to wicked mankind,
> to the company of erring flesh;
> my iniquities, my transgression, my sin,
> with the iniquity of my heart
> belong to the company of worms
> and those who walk in darkness.

or being exalted by this passage from *Thanksgiving Psalm* VI (iii.19).

> I thank thee, O Lord,
> because thou has redeemed my soul
> from the pit;
> from the Sheol of Abaddon
> thou has brought me up to an eternal
> height,
> and I walk in an unsearchable plain.

NAE CLEVELAND CONVENTION REPORT

Will appear in the May 15 issue of *Action* magazine.

"National Family Week," May 6-13

Building the Home on The Word of God

RUTH BELL GRAHAM

(Mrs. Billy Graham)

JUST as a home is something far more than a house, so children are infinitely more than the biological products of marriage; they are immortal souls committed into the care and keeping of parents, and what those parents do with this sobering responsibility and opportunity has its bearing not only on these precious little lives as they grow and mature but also on their destiny for eternity.

The foundation upon which we, their parents, must build is two-fold: the Christian home and the Word of God. In Psalm 11:3 David warns us: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Knowing this, Satan has done, and is continuing to do, all in his power to destroy these foundations.

The Christian home can be destroyed through neglect, indifference or distraction. It takes will power, firm resolve, careful planning and faithful, determined, ingenious persistence to establish and maintain a Christian home —personal devotions, family prayers, faithful spiritual instruction of our children, wise discipline, plenty of wholesome activity and fun—wit and wisdom. In short, it takes more than any human parents can manage in their own strength and in their own wisdom. It is only as we walk with Christ and rely wholly upon Him that we can make our homes truly Christian. And after we have done everything humanly possible, it is still nothing but the grace of Almighty God that hallows that which we have attempted to do, that touches the hearts of our children so that they turn to Him in repentance and faith and love. It has been well said, "Man builds, but God hallows." We must take care of the possible and trust Him for the impossible.

"And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually" (I Kings 9:3).

The Word of God, Satan cannot destroy; but he is doing all in his power to plant seeds of doubt as to its inspiration. As of old in the Garden of Eden, he still insinuates, "Yea, hath God said?"

Life itself is so uncertain. Our children need to be given something to guide them through life, something that will never let them down. The only source of infallible knowledge that we have is the Bible; and they must be taught from babyhood that while their parents may be wrong, their ministers may even be wrong, yet the Word of God is never wrong.

If we can send them forth into the world knowing that this is in truth God's Holy Word, they will be armed for the onslaught of doubt, insecurity and evil of every description. They will have with them the one sure thing in an unsure world.

Moses died. As Joshua took over the Gargantuan task of leading the children of Israel into the Promised Land, what did God give to him? The promise of His presence with him and the Book of the Law. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8). We dare not send our children forth to face life with any less.

The foundation must precede the superstructure. We dare not wait, as some say, until our children are old enough to decide for themselves in the matters of religion. We teach them how to eat properly, how to dress

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Evangelical in Sentiment

Although the volumes listed below obviously do not reflect all the convictions of all evangelical groups, they either (1) set forth major doctrines in a significant manner; (2) presuppose such doctrines in an attempted application to modern problems; (3) attempt a serious solution of some problem on an evangelical approach which, while not necessarily endorsed, should be known; or (4) present the evangelical mind in some other attractive way.

G. C. Berkouwer, *General Revelation.* 336 pp. Eerdmans. $4.00. "Is general revelation a threat to special revelation in Christianity? Does it lead to natural theology?" "When God's Word is not heard, His working is no longer understood."

Earle E. Cairns, *Christianity Through the Centuries.* 511 pp. Zondervan. $5.95. A survey of the history of the church that deals with the materials fairly and upon a biblical basis of criticism.

Charles W. Conn, *Like a Mighty Army Moves the Church of God, 1886-1955.* xxiv, 380 pp. Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn. $5.00. Not only the history of one of our rapidly expanding denominations, but a model of denominational history writing.

Herman Dooyeweerd, *A New Critique of Theoretical Thought.* Vol. 2. Presbyterian and Reformed. (4 vols., $36.00). Second of the four volumes that will probably work over the ground of basic philosophical disciplines and their relation to biblical revelation as thoroughly as anything that has been done by a Christian scholar before.

E. Schuyler English, *Studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews.* 536 pp. Southern Bible Book House. $5.95. Hebrews is one of the major epistles and this is a major exposition of it, facing squarely the problem passages and adducing much Scripture to bear on the interpretations.

Charles E. Feinberg, *Premillennialism or Amillennialism?* xx, 354 pp. Dunham. $4.00. A reissue of an important work with supplementary section dealing with criticisms and further elaborating the main thesis.

Billy Graham, *The Secret of Happiness; Jesus' Teaching on Happiness as Expressed in the Beatitudes.* vii, 117 pp. Doubleday. $2.00. Happiness through poverty, mourning, meekness, etc., is developed as results of proper adjustment to the Lord in salvation, with added practical steps to the achievement of a happy Christian life.

William Hendriksen, *Exposition of I and II Thessalonians.* 214 pp. Baker Book House. $4.50. A solid commentary on these important Pauline letters. Deals with the Greek text and includes good bibliography.

D. Edmund Hiebert, *An Introduction to the Pauline Epistles.* 383 pp. Moody Press. $4.50. Not a commentary. A manual of introductions and extensive expository outlines.

R. E. Hough, *The Ministry of the Glory Cloud.* x, 145 pp. Philosophical Library. $3.50. A fascinating history and interpretation of the visible manifestation of the Presence of Jehovah from the flaming sword of Eden to the cloud in which Christ will return.

John W. Klotz, *Genes, Genesis, and Evolution.* viii, 575 pp. Concordia. $5.00. As strong an argument as one will find against the main streams of evolutionary thought.

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Martin Luther, *Works, Vol. 12, Selected Psalms I.* Edited by Jaroslav Pelican. xi, 418 pp. Concordia. $5.00. The first to appear of the projected 55-volume edition of Luther, which will be the definitive English work.

John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied.* 236 pp. Eerdmans. $3.00. With admirable logic and careful exegesis the author sets forth the reformed doctrine of redemption in its two major aspects. In the latter section the discussion covers ground from vocation to glorification.

Rene Pache, *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.* Translated by J. D. Emerson. 233 pp. Moody Press. $3.00. A very readable book on the biblical teachings, outlined for easy reference. The author makes doctrine issue in life.

Arthur W. Pink, *The Satisfaction of Christ.* 313 pp. Bible Truth Depot, Swengel, Pa. $3.95. Although espousing a limited atonement, Pink presents much useful material on the doctrine in its various aspects, including its typification, proclamation, reception, and rejection.

Eugenia Price, *The Burden is Light; the Autobiography of a Transformed Pagan Who Took God at His Word.* 221 pp. Revell. $2.50. One of the truly significant convert testimonies that drives directly to the heart of the reader and appeals to a type of young ambitious intellect that is hard to reach by argumentation.

Erich Sauer, *In the Arena of Faith.* 188 pp. Eerdmans. $3.00. Using Paul's figure of the race Sauer explores the Christian life in its conflicts and handicaps, setting forth Christ as the perfect example. Ethics and exhortation emerge as corollaries.

William Carey Taylor, *The New Bible, Pro and Con.* vii, 351 pp. Vantage. $3.50. A Baptist missionary in Brazil, who has worked on translations extensively, examines the RSV and finds much to praise and much to condemn.

Rudolf Thiel, *Luther.* Translated by Gustav K. Wiencke. xiii, 492 pp. Muhlenberg. $5.00. A full length portrait of the great reformer as seen by his enemies—popular translations from both him and them make this monograph a thrilling experience to read.

John Caldwell Thiessen, *A Survey of World Missions.* xii, 504 pp. Inter-Varsity. $5.95. An extensive summary of the mission fields of the world with historical, cultural, and present activity phases covered. Standard reference.

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C. K. Barrett, *The Gospel According to St. John; an Introduction with Commentary and Notes on the Greek Text.* xii, 530 pp. Macmillan. $10.00. Only about once in a generation do we get a commentary like this on John's Gospel. It is both critical and theological, reflecting the latest in scholarship and linguistic research.

Roy W. Battenhouse, ed., *A Companion to the Study of St. Augustine.* xiii, 425 pp. Oxford. $5.50. A fresh and varied approach to many phases of Augustine studies by sixteen contributors who are experts in the field.

Anton T. Boisen, *Religion in Crisis and Custom; a Sociological and Psychological Study.* xv, 271 pp. Harper. $4.00. Result of a quarter century of study and survey of religious experience in America with psychological, psychiatric, social, and theological interpretations.

James Brown, *Subject and Object in Modern Theology.* 214 pp. Macmillan. $3.75. "The place of the Subject-Object relation and the antithesis of subjective and objective in some representative and influential thinking of the last hundred years" (p. 168).

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Ethics.* Edited by Eberhard Bethge. xii, 340 pp. Macmillan. $4.00. Out of the crucible of suffering and through the channels of secretion this work comes to us incomplete but out of a conviction that we are living in a post-liberal, post-idealist, atomic age in theology.

Rudolf Bultmann, *Theology of the New Testament.* Vol. II. Translated by Kendrick Grobel. vi, 278 pp. Scribner's. $4.00. Completion of the work by this influential German theologian and New Testament scholar. Covers the Johannine theology and the background of the ancient church, and has an epilogue on the task and history of New Testament theology, a bibliography, and three indexes.

Millar Burrows, *The Dead Sea Scrolls, with Translations by the Author.* xv, 435 pp. Viking. $6.50. Probably the most exciting book of the year for biblical scholars.

J. V. Langmead Casserley, *The Bent World.* ix, 286 pp. Oxford. $4.00. Western civilization is found to be very sick due to the forsaking of the Christian heritage and the defection to secularism. A return to the faith, but with new orientations, is called for.

Simon Doniger, ed., *The Minister's Consultation Clinic: Pastoral Psychology in Action.* 316 pp. Channel Press. $3.95. "A selection of questions submitted by ministers to the magazine, *Pastoral Psychology,* and answered by a board of psychiatrists, psychologists, social scientists, and clergymen."

The Evanston Report, the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, 1954. viii, 360 pp. Harper. $5.00. The full official WCC report.

Norman F. Furniss, *The Fundamentalist Controversy, 1918-1931.* viii, 199 pp. Yale University Press. $3.75. These two decades in American church history are covered in considerable detail and with some objectivity, majoring on the controversies and minoring on the values.

Georgia Harkness, *Foundations of Christian Knowledge.* 160 pp. Abingdon. $2.75. The author sets forth a theory of knowledge which seeks to put the proclamation of the gospel on "dependable foundations." This volume grows out of the ecumenical drift toward biblical theology.

William Hordern, *A Laymen's Guide to Protestant Theology.* viii, 222 pp. Macmillan. $3.50. A refreshing survey of present theological thought that enables the layman to understand his own position in relation to the many theological strands of Protestantism.

Walter Marshall Horton, *Christian Theology: an Ecumenical Approach.* xii, 304 pp. Harper. $3.75. Long an advocate of ecumenicity, and active in the movement, Horton presents criteria and content of basic beliefs as he thinks they should obtain.

The Interpreter's Bible, vol. XI. No. x, 763 pp. Abingdon. $8.75. Next to the last volume of this important liberal commentary. Covered here are the epistles from Philippians through Hebrews.

Charles W. Kegley, ed., *Reinhold Niebuhr: His Religious, Social, and Political Thought.* xiv, 486 pp. Macmillan. $6.50. Includes intellectual autobiography, interpretive and critical essays, Niebuhr's replies, and a bibliography of his writings to 1956.

Joseph Klausner, *The Messianic Idea in Israel from its Beginning to the Completion of the Mishnah.* Translated from the third Hebrew edition, by W. F. Stinespring. xv, 543 pp. Macmillan. $7.50. The classic in the field of Messianic literature in Judaism representing half a century of research.

Murray H. Leiffer, *The Effective City Church.* Rev. ed. 232 pp. Abingdon. $3.50. A manual for the city church pastor and church leaders giving the results of many years of study and field surveys.

John Macquarrie, *Existential Theology: a Comparison of Heidegger and Bultmann.* 252 pp. Macmillan. $3.75. Traces the influence of Heidegger on Bultmann in detail and shows Bultmann's dependence upon Heidegger's analysis for his own understanding of Paul.

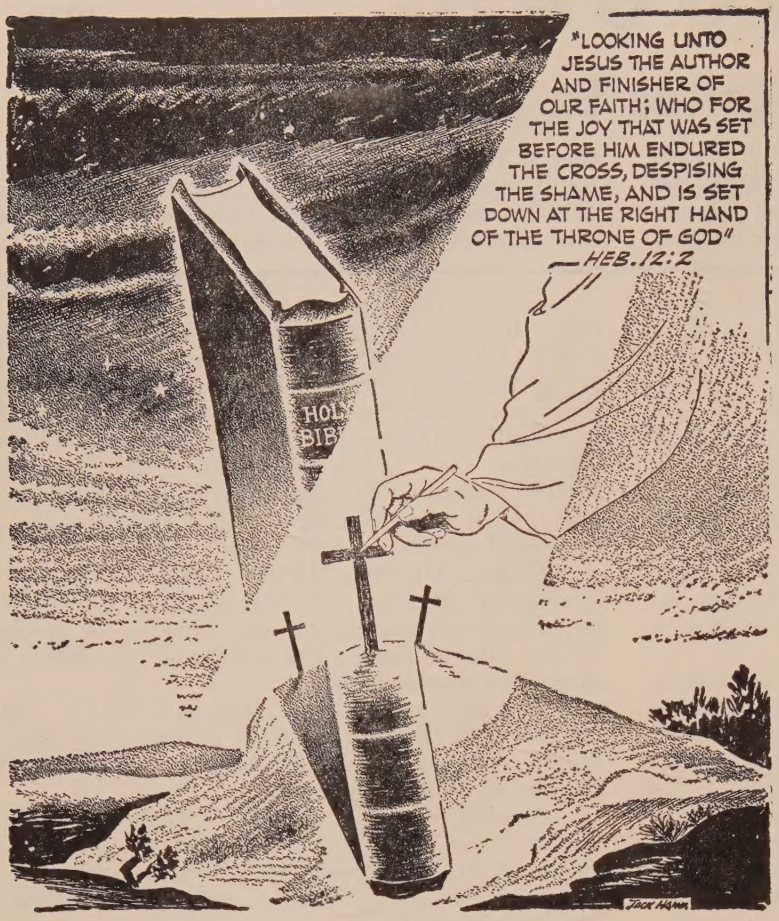
Everett C. Parker, David W. Barry, and Dallas W. Smythe, *The Television-Radio Audience and Religion.* 464 pp. Harper. $6.00. Significant as an insight into the thinking of the promoters of liberal religion particularly as it is promulgated by radio and TV.

H. Shelton Smith, *Changing Conceptions of Original Sin; a Study in American Theology Since 1750.* xi, 242 pp. Scribner's. $3.50. This volume traces developments from the divergence within the New England Puritans to Niebuhr's ontological speculation on the myth of a historical fall (even though he denies a historical fall).

George F. Thomas, *Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy.* xvi, 539 pp. Scribner's. $5.75. Calls for the recovery of the Hebrew-Christian basis of the whole ethical problem. Relates both personal and social ethics to moral philosophy.

Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, edited by Lefferts A. Loetscher. 2 vols. Baker Book House. $15.00. Supplements the New Schaff-Herzog.

Heart of the Best Seller . . . Jack Hamm



Best Reprints of 1955

AS a service to our readers, we have again asked Dr. Carl F. H. Henry to prepare a list of the dozen best reprints. The 1955 list is as follows:

Joseph Addison Alexander, *The Psalms Translated and Explained,* 564 pgs. An explanation of the Psalter with a feeling for its original strength and for evangelical warmth. Zondervan. $6.95.

James Buchanan, *The Doctrine of Justification,* 514 pgs. A classic exposition of this doctrine in Scripture and church history. Baker. $4.95.

Eusebius' *Ecclesiastical History,* 539 pages. The first three centuries of Christian history, by an early church father, in an edition for popular use. Baker. $3.95.

R. B. Girdlestone, *The Grammar of Prophecy,* 192 pgs. A distinguished Old Testament scholar's systematic guide to prophecy. Kregel. $2.50.

William K. Hobart, *Medical Language of Luke,* 305 pgs. Somewhat outdated, but still useful, is this study of medical phrases in the Lucan writings. Baker. $3.60.

J. B. Lightfoot, *Saint Paul's Epistles to the Colossians and to Philemon,* 430 pgs. A learned exposition, from the original, with special alertness to the doctrine of Christ. Zondervan. $4.50.

George T. Purves, *Christianity in the Apostolic Age,* 343 pgs. A scholarly, non-technical treatment of Christianity from its beginnings through the first century. Baker. $3.

George L. Robinson, *Leaders of Israel,* 246 pgs. A history of the Hebrews which has weathered the gales of Old Testament criticism and shines true. Baker. $2.75.

J. A. Seiss, *The Gospel in Leviticus,* 403 pgs. The sacred typology of the sacrifices as a preparation for the Gospel. Zondervan. $3.95.

Charles Simeon, *Expository Outlines on the Whole Bible,* 21 vols. Homiletical notes alive with a robust godliness. Zondervan. $3.95 per volume. Isaac Watts *The World to Come,* 448 pgs. The pen of the great hymn writer dipped in eschatological themes and turned to prose. Moody Press. $4.

The Westminster Pulpit. The Preaching of G. Campbell Morgan, 10 vols. A sterling selection from the effort of one of England's unforgettable Bible expositors. Revell. $4 per volume.

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Building the Home

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properly, how to behave properly, and yet the most vital part of all, their spiritual development, would we leave until too late?

As the Duchess of Hamilton said last spring in an address on the Christian home, delivered to the leaders of the Woman's Guild in Scotland in Edinburgh: "We cannot make our children into good Christians by training them how to behave. We have to teach them what to believe."

We must pray every step of the way. We need literally to raise our family on our knees with a consciousness of Christ ever beside us. If they can have the background of a godly, happy home and this unshakable faith that the Bible is indeed the Word of God, they will have a foundation that the forces of hell cannot shake.

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Diligent Readers

Those who have a healthy interest in spiritual things will be diligent readers not only of the Bible but also of good Christian books. Earnest Bible readers are not intellectually lazy. In fact, it is generally true that those who read and know the Bible best are interested in reading many other books that explain and set forth and radiate the light of the Scriptures. If such reading is not of interest to you, ask yourself whether the real reason is not that your spiritual life is stale and uninteresting, lukewarm and listless. Philip asked the Ethiopian, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" and he replied, "How can I except some one guide me?" Sincere Christians still look to sound religious books and magazines to make their knowledge of the Scriptures and understanding of its implications for the Christian life more meaningful. Without such reading, how can we be intelligent, useful, and virile Christians?—*Louis H. Benes, in The Church Herald.*

Action EDITORIAL

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IN THE PATTERN OF "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE"

American leaders in religion and education are being duped by the Communist Internationale into collaboration with Russian leaders in kindred fields for the promotion of "peaceful coexistence and competition."

The recent visit of the nine representatives of the National Council of Churches to Russia (*Action,* April 15) is a case in point. These men may not have been aware that they were being used for purposes of Communist propaganda but there can be no doubt that they were so used.

A parade of Soviet reporters, photographers and motion picture cameramen followed the American churchmen everywhere during their ten-day visit.

Klieg lights were set up even inside churches in the Soviet Union where members of the deputation preached to capacity congregations. Frequently, the grinding of cameras almost drowned out the singing of hymns.

The Soviet government was apparently determined to extract the maximum propaganda benefit from the visit. Russian newspapers gave extensive coverage to the deputation's movements. The publicity was used to bolster Soviet claims that religion can be practiced freely in Russia.

When a motorcade carried the American churchmen along the 40-mile route from Moscow to the ancient orthodox stronghold of Zagorsk, an open limousine filled with Soviet cameramen recorded every detail of the journey.

Later, within the walls of Trinity Monastery, in some of the holiest shrines of the Russian Orthodox Church, the Americans found that Klieg lights had been set up in advance to allow cameramen and still photographers to cover the visit. The Klieg lights were powered by portable generators on a truck parked outside.

They also found batteries of lights in the chapel of the Theological Academy at Zagorsk and in the classroom where novitiates were receiving instruction.

Earlier, when the deputation visited the Tretiakov Gallery in Moscow, they faced a similar barrage of blinding Klieg lights and a battery of television, newsreel and still cameras.

The Soviet press and radio correspondents repeatedly sought interviews and recorded statements from the Americans, especially from Bishop D. Ward Nichols of New York, head of the African Methodist Episcopal Church's First Episcopal District.

The Red propagandists are now equipped with excerpts of interviews, transcriptions and recordings, film strips and newsreels which will prove by the visiting American churchmen themselves that Russia believes in and practices "religious liberty."

Since the return of the National Council leaders there has been some disposition on the part of one or two of them to admit that there is no real religious liberty in Russia and that their visit might have been permitted because of propaganda values to the Reds. But their compunctions of conscience are not serious enough to interfere with their further collaboration in an exchange visit of an eight-member Soviet religious delegation. The Russian leaders will leave for the United States June 1 and will be officially welcomed here by the National Council of Churches. The NCC will arrange a series of public and private meetings for these Red churchmen—as fine a piece of collaboration as any Communist might desire.

Russian educators recently visiting the USA have suggested that there should now be an exchange of teachers between the two nations. Leading American educators are favorable to the idea. In this connection it is highly significant that UNESCO may spearhead the venture.

On February 20 UNESCO sent out a letter to the Foreign Ministers of the USSR, France, Britain and the USA proposing that each nation contribute to a fund for the exchange of ideas and collaboration in the fields of education and culture. Replying for Russia V. M. Molotov enthusiastically endorsed the idea and proposed that it should also be carried out in the fields of labor, trade, science, industry, art, sports, etc. The "exchange of professors, students and lecturers" was wholeheartedly approved as were "youth congresses, conferences, seminars and festivals."

That the Red propagandist could hardly have been sincere in the exchange idea as it might affect the Russian public is clearly intimated in his conversations with French Foreign Minister Pinay at Geneva last year. Speaking of the free exchange of ideas and information between the nations, Molotov said: "We do not conceal, however, that the Soviet Union has not allowed and will not allow 'free exchange of ideas' which consist of free propaganda .... or .... subversive activities of all kinds of scum expelled by the peoples from countries of socialism." He made it clear at Geneva that the Soviet concept of "exchange of ideas" or "peaceful coexistence" does not include a free flow of Western political, social, cultural or religious thought. It sees such international relations as aiding the Reds to collect needed information, alleviate Western fears and prepare the way for the unlimited spread of Communist propaganda around the world.

The growing interest of Moscow in the use of the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches (USA) and UNESCO to further Communist aims needs to be watched carefully. Evangelicals both within and without the Councils should make their protests known. UNESCO will probably become another major battlefield in the cold war. There is every reason to believe that the wishes of its liberal leaders will soon be implemented. The USA will be flooded with all sorts of delegations from the Soviet Union. In the competition which will ensue American citizens should stand firmly upon their convictions and demonstrate in every way possible the superiority of the American way of life.

Evangelical Marriages in Spain

In most sections of Spain the problems involved in marriage of evangelicals continue. Recent decrees and court decisions allowing certain "mixed" marriages have done little to change the attitude of many local officials who can refuse permission for such marriages. Add to this the pressures brought to bear by the Roman Catholic hierarchy and the problem comes into focus.

In Spain a "mixed" marriage may well be a marriage between two believing and consecrated evangelicals. If either of the couple was baptized in the Catholic Church—and most Spaniards are—then they are considered to be Catholics. This raises the problem of being married outside the Catholic Church. And if they were not so baptized it is difficult to prove it, as can well be imagined. Furthermore the Spanish government has taken no action to establish a fair and equitable system of treating the problem. The state Church hierarchy is allowed to hold marriage policy as a club over the heads of those who wish to live their lives outside the Roman Catholic Church.

Several decrees and court cases in the past year have been gratifying, but they have not come near solving the problems. In most cases litigation is necessary. And this is expensive, especially to a people who are living under similar economic pressures which are imposed by the Roman Church. Several marriage license cases are right now waiting appeal to the Spanish courts but lack the funds to make such action possible.

In the light of the situation the Washington office of the NAE, 1405 G. Street, N.W., Washington 5, D.C. has agreed to channel gifts for this purpose to responsible leaders of the evangelical movement in Spain. Gifts so received will be promptly receipted, and are tax deductible.

Passports and Congress

Missionaries, mission executives and other evangelicals who expect to travel abroad should count on the possibility of some delay in getting a passport, and it may be due to the fact that the passport office is not caught up on its ironing. The identification picture in the front of an American passport is ironed in—by hand. This is the same system of gluing and ironing used by the passport office for many decades. But Congress is just getting around to considering a bill (S-3340) which would modernize the passport system. No doubt you will be wanting to press your Congressman for action on this measure.

Admittedly, the answer to the "gluing and ironing" problem is not simple. No machine has been designed which would do the job, and one reliable company has estimated that the research and designing of the machine alone would cost the government some $75,000. After all that, the passport office, with its estimated four ma-

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chines, would probably be the only customer in the world.

To complicate matters still further, the demand for passports has doubled in the past five years. In 1955 the passport office was called on to issue and renew almost half a million passports. And from all appearances 1956 will be the biggest year in history. Even in March the record of passport issuances and renewals was well ahead of last year, with the heavy season yet to come.

All of this throws extra loads on the passport issuing service and causes many delays for missionaries and servants of other evangelical enterprises in the extension of the Gospel overseas. Thus we arrive at the dire need for modernization of the passport system.

The move to modernize the passport system began last Labor Day week when the passport office was moved to new quarters in Washington, D.C. But further steps will require Congressional action. A bill to accomplish this purpose (S-3340) has been favorably reported to the Senate.

The bill would raise the passport office from its present role as a stepchild government agency, and would give it semi-autonomy under the Department of State. It would be named the "United States Passport Service," and would be given its own bill fold and the authority to handle its own funds. This step would pave the way for many improvements in service which the passport office is anxious to put into operation as soon as possible.

Under study at the present time, for instance, is complete revision of the format of the identification pages of the passport to allow quicker typing of the essential information. And perhaps 12 less pages will be put in the passport to conserve printing costs, because it is found that 88% of passport bearers use less than 18 pages of their 32-page document. In cases where more pages may be needed an accordion-type addition can be taped in.

The best rule in assuring that a passport will be in time for the sailing date is to make application at least four weeks in advance. If visas must be procured, more time will be necessary. If a passport is needed in less time, there are ways of speeding it through the mill, but it only amounts to extra work, an extra load on the already overburdened system.

However, just in case you should find that you will need your passport in a hurry, here are some tips. First of all you must file your application with a clerk of the court. Then you should immediately get in touch with the office of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association in Washington. They will want to know your full name, when and where you applied for your passport, the date when you must leave the country and where you will be going. They will then contact the passport office and ask that your passport be processed as quickly as possible upon arrival. This usually speeds things up considerably, but it cannot be counted on as a sure-fire method of getting a passport in a day or two.

In the meantime, you may be anxious to aid in the general passport problem of getting Congressional approval for modernization of the service. Direct your letters or telegrams to your Senator or Congressman or to the Committees on Government Operations in the Senate and in the House. Senators and Senate committees are located in the Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D.C. Representatives and the House committee are located in the House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

Bolivia Again

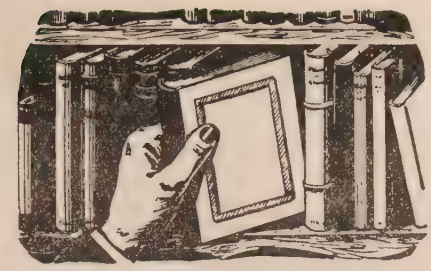
Evidence continues to mount that the Roman Catholic Church is applying ever-increasing pressure against Protestantism in Bolivia. Several months ago there were several disturbances by Catholic students at Protestant meetings, particularly a Youth for Christ gathering where the police were forced to take action. Later the headquarters of an evangelical seminary and studios of the Southern Cross radio station were attacked, windows broken and lives of missionaries seriously endangered.

Now comes the word that there have been further incidents of violence against Protestants in the area of Umala.

A group of Roman Catholics charged that the evangelicals had robbed the Catholic Church. Then a public official in Umala told a missionary that he had evidence to show that the priest himself had committed the robbery in a plot to drive the evangelicals from Umala.

Later another incident involved the right of the evangelicals to hold open air services. While it has formerly been generally an accepted practice for the evangelicals to hold outdoor services on market days, the permission for such services has now been withdrawn. Withdrawal of permission followed an incident which was caused by the household servant of a Catholic priest.

Later the home of an evangelical missionary was attacked by an angry mob of about 35 adults plus a number of children. Police officials in the area have usually acted to protect the evangelicals, but they have stated that they will not be responsible for results of any insistence on the part of the evangelicals to hold open air services.



Book Shelf

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"The Bent World." J. V. Langmead Casserley. ix, 286 pp. Oxford. $4.00.

Dr. Casserley diagnoses the sickness of Western civilization as grave and death-dealing. The West has turned from its Christian heritage to the secular spirit, within which it can find no sturdy perspective for resolving East-West tensions. The resurrection of the West's central tradition is its one hope, and hence the great need is for a revival of theology. He calls for a restatement of the "Christian fundamentals" which avoids Fundamentalism (defined essentially as "the refusal to heed the verdict of modern criticism, or to employ the tools of modern criticism, in carrying out the theological task"). The biblical theology of the past is forgiven this refusal because it did not know better. Dr. Casserley calls for a restatement of the Hebrew-Christian message not only in new language, but in new thought forms. If that be the great need, it might be replied, we are face to face with a great contradiction which Dr. Casserley does not help us to resolve. The inspired prophets and apostles, and Jesus Himself, assumed that special Divine revelation is communicated to man in the form of concepts and even words. Is it not then a rash hope that, by simply appealing to the notion of unique revelation, for which the modern man is to supply both words and thought forms, we shall succeed either in repelling the secular alternatives to Christianity, or in maintaining an essential continuity with the biblical beginnings and foundaton of our faith?—C.F.H.H.

"An Introduction to the Study of Christian Missions." Harold R. Cook. 256 pp. Moody Press. $3.25.

The author is Professor of Missions at Moody Bible Institute. He saw service in Venezuela and taught missions later at what is now Westmont College. This book is designed to present the subject both for the candidate and for the many pastors and Christian workers in the homeland, and develops a sound biblical foundation and practical understanding of the detailed life of the missionary and the work of the board that sends him out. Six chapters are devoted to the missionary program of the local church, which is a very useful section for the missionary education program.

"Missionary Principles and Practice." Harold Lindsell. 384 pp. Revell. $4.50.

The author has prepared a most valuable up-to-date volume, written for a purpose, with a well chosen title. All evangelical Christians should be interested in this manual. It deals frankly with the problems which confront missionary candidates, missionaries in active service, supporters and administrators. The pages present a warning signal for all who are in the plan, purpose and power of missions. The excellent bibliography and index reveals to the reader the extensive research which the author has made for the purpose of giving better "principle and practice in missions." —*T. J. Bach.*

"The Spirit of Life." Tom Rees. 191 pp. Moody Press. $2.50.

The well known British evangelist presents here a guide to the biblical doctrine of the Holy Spirit with careful exposition and a warm spirit of exhortation. The various ministries and works of the Spirit are carefully distinguished and the doctrine comes out very close to that now being taught by Walvoord, Pache and others. One thought on the gift of tongues may be new to some: "Signs and wonders are only effective because they are rare" (p. 188). A lengthy chapter on conviction is a very useful piece of writing.

"In the Arena of Faith; a Call to a Consecrated Life." Erich Sauer. 188 pp. Eerdmans. $3.00.

The first two of this author's books to appear in English, *The Dawn of World Redemption* and *The Triumph of the Crucified* have already been translated into twelve languages. In this volume he moves over from doctrine to life, but his treatment of this theme is colored strongly with basic doctrinal exposition also. The Christian life is set forth in great detail in terms of the athletic figure who strives for a great prize. To follow the counsel and enthusiasm of this book would lead a person into real triumph and churches into a ministry of evangelism. "The holy obligations of those called to heavenly glory" are elaborated with real vigor and with cumulative force in the last chapter. This would make a good text for a quarter's study in the Christian life.

"Premillennialism or Amillennialism?" Second edition. Charles L. Feinberg. xx, 354 pp. Dunham. $4.00.

The first edition, pages 1-198 of the present volume, appeared in 1936. Pages 199 to the end of the second edition contain all of the new material. In the second edition the author attempts to become current and to answer criticisms. He discusses spiritualization in prophecy, dispensationalism, covenant theology, law and grace, Israel and the Church, the Church and the Kingdom, etc.

The author presents a systematization of the premillennial point of view. He argues well against those who spiritualize prophecy. He brings out well such distinctions as those between the rapture and the revelation, Israel and the Church, the two resurrections and the several judgments. With most of this material most premillennialists would be heartily in agreement. There is, however, a considerable body of material in the volume which will make it unacceptable not only to the amillennialists but to many premillennialists also. When the author discusses covenantal amillennialism and dispensational premillennialism he gives the impression that these are the only positions possible. Those who maintain that the plan of salvation in all ages is a unity not only of faith in general, but of faith in Christ or in the promise of Him in particular, would be a third category, covenantal premillennialists. The author argues for salvation by faith in all dispensations but (p. 233) he speaks of God saving "men by faith alone *through* the Saviour's work." This is typical of one point of view. There is another point of view held by many premillennialists that God saves men by faith alone *in* the Saviour's work. These are very different points of view. The discussion of law and grace is far from adequate for the same reason. The volume is replete with illustrations of the fact that the author misunderstands the idea of "covenantism." He sees it only from the point of view of those who deny a millennium.

This is perhaps one of our better discussions of the subject of premillennialism. Its weakness lies in its oversimplification of the varying points of view, an oversimplification which actually deletes some of them. Some of the particular distinctions made by those who hold the same kind of dispensationalism held by Dr. Feinberg are unnecessary to the premillennial position. Nevertheless the author labors these points and considers them crucial. The premillennial position would be much stronger, and would be very much more difficult for its opponents to refute, if certain of these points of view were not held at all or were very drastically modified. — *G. Douglas Young.*

"The World's Collision." Charles E. Pont. 298 pp. Wilde. $3.50.

The volume represents an attempt to show how events now transpiring in our chaotic and bewildering world point to the near return of Christ. Primary factors developed in the thesis are the universal clamor for one world, the establishment of the State of Israel, the spread of Roman Catholicism, the place of Russia and Communism in contemporary history, and the inevitability of a third World War. Mr. Pont has given more attention to contemporary literature, especially newspaper material, than he has to an actual exposition of the biblical text.

I am sorry to note the attempt to construct a chronological yardstick of 2520 years, in the use of which many prophetic students have floundered. Why does the author insist on speaking of "the freeing of Jerusalem" in 1917 as a prophetic event? From what was Jerusalem freed? From the bondage of Turkey certainly, but to what? To a mandate of Britain.

There is no biblical authority for identifying the "king of the south" with "the atom bomb king."

The book has its value. It should have been reduced by one-third, and some of its more careless statements revised. In a work like this, an author does not want to say to the reader after making an astonishing statement, "You don't believe it? Then wait and see."—*Wilbur M. Smith.*

"Principles of Expository Preaching." Merrill F. Unger. 267 pp. Zondervan. $3.50.

Dr. Unger has accumulated a wealth of material applicable to his subject. In twenty chapters, each of which has from two to eight subdivisions he expounds the need for such preachng, the benefits of it, the various methods and variations, the preparation and spiritual qualifications of the expositor, and the chief problems of interpretation involved in setting forth what the Bible says from the pulpit. Numerous examples are given of outlines and sample treatments, and each chapter is closed by a list of references to literature on the subject.

Obviously designed as a textbook, this volume is quite suitable as such, or as a handbook for the pastor. It suffers a little from over-organization, reminding one of thesis style. The publishers have cut the inner and top margins too much. The book will serve to epitomize in a very real way the method of preaching that the Dallas Seminary has been teaching its students for the past generation.

"Changing Conceptions of Original Sin; A Study in American Theology Since 1750." H. Shelton Smith. xi, 242 pp. Scribner's. $3.50.

The Stone lectures delivered at Princeton in 1951 are here expanded, and the book attempts to deal primarily with the changes that took place, rather than to present a full coverage of the subject in all its aspects. Thus the book is a treatise of movement and proves to be very readable. Beginning with the double based Augustino-Federal position of the New England Puritans, the author takes up in turn the impact of John Taylor (1694-1761), its first real foe in America; the Unitarian challenge with Channing and Ware; the New Haven influence, with Nathaniel Taylor's *Concio ad Clerum;* Bushnell's non-biblical attempts to develop the doctrine; the New Theology with its popularizer, Lyman Abbott; and finally the revival of the doctrine in the second quarter of our century under Rauschenbusch's later works and Reinhold Niebuhr.

The book is of necessity also a survey of the main streams of theological development in general in America, and refreshes one's memory at many points. It is obvious in this survey how much influence in doctrinal history is exerted by ministers in the pulpit as well as theologcal professors, although of course many of the former become the latter. Many things contribute to the complexion of theological doctrines in any given period—popular controversies and the alignments of opponents on other matters, economic and social conditions, foreign influences, and systems of thought developed on a larger scale and into which doctrines have to find their place. Unfortunately the careful exegesis of Scripture and the inductive methods of a

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EVANGELICAL NEWSFRONT

—UNITED ACTION—

Missoula Evangelicals Sponsor Great Program

MISSOULA, Mont.—The Missoula Evangelical Ministerial Alliance is bringing the Southwestern Montana area fine gospel music, Sunday School work shops and evangelistic crusades in its current program.

Rev. Clate Risley of the National Sunday School Association presented the Sunday School challenge March 19 at the Church of the Nazarene here. The occasion was a Sunday School rally which was sponsored by the Alliance.

The Seattle Pacific College Choir, on tour of Western Montana, was sponsored in Missoula by the Alliance March 21. Their sacred concert was presented in the High School auditorium.

The major portion of planning and activity of recent weeks by the eleven co-operating churches has been for the City-Wide Union Meeting April 4 through 15, with Evangelist Russell V. DeLong of Kanas City, Missouri. Assisting Dr. DeLong in the meetings were Rev. Charles Tilley, of Twin Falls, Idaho, choir director and soloist, and Rev. Jesse Dove of Corvallis as organist. The first three services were held in the auditorium of the First Assembly of God, with concluding services in the Missoula County High School auditorium. There were many reponses to the Gospel invitation.

The Alliance also sponsored a three hour union Good Friday service in the downtown chapel of the Salvation Army.

Area Pastors Planning Evangelical Fellowship

UPLAND, Calif.—Upon the invitation of President John Z. Martin a group of evangelical ministers of the Ontario, Pomona, Upland area gathered in the dining hall of Upland College to discuss the advisability of forming an area association of evangelicals.

Dr. George L. Ford of the NAE headquarters office in Wheaton, Ill., brought the message of the afternoon on the Separation of Church and State. Dr. Walter L. Penner, Southwest Regional director, presented plans for local organization.

Dr. George Vouga of Temple Baptist Church, Ontario was chosen as temporary chairman of the group to act until formal organization takes place. Rev. H. H. Lagasse was chosen acting secretary. Plans were laid for a fellowship meeting April 23 when Dr. Cedric Peterson, president of the Southwest Regional NAE, was to speak. Those serving on the Steering Committee were Revs. Roy Ramseyer, Wesley Keller, George Vouga, H. H. Lagasse, John Z. Martin, John L. Letson, and William Robertson.

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—EDUCATION—

Quaker College Changes Name in Move to Canton

CLEVELAND, O.—Decisions reached in a specially called meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cleveland Bible College on February 14, are destined to go down in the annals of history as the most important of the school since its founding in 1892. The college has functioned as an arm of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends as a training school for its ministers and missionaries.

President Byron L. Osborne said, "The trustees, by unanimous vote, made it official that the name will be changed to Malone College and that a four year liberal arts program will be inaugurated as early as possible."

The change of name is made necessary by the moving of the institution from Cleveland to Canton (*Action,* January 15) where some weeks ago the college was the successful bidder for a fifty-five acre tract of land two miles from the heart of the city.

The plans submitted by the architect were approved and ground will be broken for the construction of the first buildings as soon as the necessary steps can be taken.

DISCUSS EXPANSION PROGRAM

President T. Leonard Lewis (left) and Dr. Billy Graham examine model of new campus of Gordon College at Prince's Acres, near Boston, Mass., where first buildings are under construction. Dr. Graham recently accepted a place on Gordon's Board of Trustees.

Taylor Youth Conference Stresses Christian Gospel

UPLAND, Ind.—More than 1,000 young people from a dozen states in the midwest attended the 1956 Youth Conference at Taylor University. The conference was held on the campus Friday through Sunday, April 13-15.

Special speakers for the three-day spiritual life conference included Dr. Eugene Nida, Secretary for Translations of the American Bible Society and Evangelist Pete Riggs.

Purpose of the Taylor Youth Conference is to present the Christian gospel message to the young people. Theme for this year's conference was "The Life That Lives." Included in the calendar of events for the conference were discussion groups, a concert by the Taylor A Cappella Choir, Singspirations and devotional periods.

President Evan Bergwall and Dr. Nida were the speakers at the Sunday mass meetings in the Maytag Gymnasium. Scores of young people accepted Christ and decided for full-time Christian service during the Conference.

Evangelicals Plan a Social Work Inquiry

WHEATON, Ill.—A program to evaluate the relationship of the Christian faith to current social work theory was announced at the seventh annual meeting of the Evangelical Conference here.

The three-day sessions brought 104 sociology students, teachers and case workers to the Wheaton College campus.

The inquiry will be conducted among professionally trained members of the Conference by Gordon S. Jaeck, who was elected its president. Mr. Jaeck, former director of the Minnesota state board of parole, now is an assistant professor of sociology at Wheaton College.

Dr. Lamberta Voget, a Wheaton professor of sociology, said the goal will be to determine the relationship of social work concepts to "spiritual dynamics—the light of biblical truth and the life of Jesus Christ at work in a person."

"We feel very strongly that social work techniques without spiritual un-

derstanding and resources are not adequate to meet people's total needs," she said.

Dr. Voget said the conference has three main purposes:

1. To encourage Christian social workers now in the field to do a more effective job.
2. To encourage Christian workers without professional training to meet professional standards in their work.
3. To acquaint young people with the opportunities of Christian service in social work.

Conference delegates made a field trip to the St. Charles (Ill.) Training School for Boys. They also heard panel discussions on parent-child relationships and counseling of parolees and unwed mothers.

Trustees Vote to Change Name of Bible Institute

WASHINGTON, D.C.—At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Washington Bible Institute, it was voted to change the name of the school to Washington Bible College.

It was the feeling of the Board that this name more accurately reflects the nature of the educational program which the school has been carrying on for the past three years. Beginning in the fall of 1953, the school began to offer a four-year, college level program, which was recognized during the school year 1954-55, when the Board of Education of the District of Columbia authorized the school to confer the degree of B.A. in Biblical Education upon its four-year graduates.

The College continues to maintain its Bible-centered program, requiring a systematic study of the entire English Bible together with the major fields of systematic theology of all its graduates. At the same time, it offers specialized study in Christian education, missions, pastoral work, and sacred music.

INTER-CHURCH

Churches Are Entering A Most Promising Era

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — (RNS) — America's churches are entering an era as promising as its economic prosperity, in the opinion of Frank Nelson, Racine, Wis., businessman and president of the American Baptist Convention.

"The outlook is optimistic, even brighter than that for business," Mr. Nelson said in an address to the Mid-West Rural Church Conference attended by representatives of both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions.

He expressed belief that America's expanding economy will provide ever-increasing opportunities for the greater growth of Christianity.

Increasing cooperation among the Baptists of diverse affiliation in this country is foreseen by Mr. Nelson, although he feels that the growth of each separate organization has stimulated activity by the others.

"It's a friendly rivalry to see who can do the most work for Christ," he observed. "In the past, we have too often left the really man-size tasks to be done by George—or whatever our pastor's name happens to be."

Since he was elected president last June, Mr. Nelson has spent more than half his time traveling and has covered about 75,000 miles.

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REFORM

Prevention of Alcoholism To Be Theme of Conference

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The seventh session of the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism will be conducted at Loma Linda, California, July 9-20, 1956, according to an announcement by W. A. Scharffenberg, chairman of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Winton H. Beaven, Associate Secretary of the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism, will serve as director of the Institute.

As the trend in modern medicine is toward preventive medicine rather than mere curative procedures, the emphasis, announced Dr. Beaven, will be focused on effective educational discussion of measures that will prevent the rise and spread of alcoholism.

The Institute of Scientific Studies is conducted under the auspices of the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism. Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, chairman, Dr. Haven Emerson, vice-chairman, and other distinguished physicians and educators will participate in the Institute.

The course of study will give school administrators, teachers, physicians, clergymen, editors, temperance and social welfare workers scientific facts and basic information that will qualify them to work more effectively in solving the alcohol problem in their respective communities.

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—EVANGELISM—

Graham Announces List Of Coming Engagements

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Evangelist Billy Graham has launched out on three new evangelistic crusades—Richmond, Va., Oklahoma City, and Louisville, Ky.

The Richmond crusade is now on and will close May 20. The Oklahoma City campaign will begin June 3 at Taft Stadium and run until June 24. The Louisville crusade wil be held from Sept. 30 to Oct. 28 at the Kentucky state fairgrounds coliseum.

The evangelist said that he will address several denominational conferences in coming months beginning with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City, Mo. May 30-June 2. His schedule includes two Bible conferences at Winona Lake, Ind., in July; a Presbyterian meeting at Montreat, N.C., August 16; a Methodist session at Lake Junaluska, N.C., August 18; and a Methodist Bible Conference at Ocean Grove, N.J., August 26.

In addition, Mr. Graham will address the Christian Businessmen's convention at Cincinnati, O., Sept. 15 and a city-wide rally at Akron, O., Sept. 16.

—DENOMINATIONS—

Evangelical Friends To Confer in Denver

PORTLAND, Ore.—Preparations are now under way for the fourth Conference of Evangelical Friends which is expected to draw the attention of Quakers throughout the world, July 11 to 15, inclusive, at the Friends church, Denver, Colo.

Lloyd Hinshaw, pastor of the host Denver church, has been named general chairman of the entertainment committee which is expected to direct visiting Friends from many points over the United States and Foreign nations. Spokesmen for the committee are hopeful of entertaining Quakers from great distances.

Eyes of Quakerdom will be focussed upon the Friends meeting at West 46th Ave. and Eliot Street, Denver, in mid-July when it is hoped that the intra-Quaker conclave will emerge with a permanent organization. The coming session will not be sponsored by any certain yearly meeting but will be the expression of many Quakers who wish to reemphasize the tenets of the faith in Jesus Christ as set forth by George Fox and the early Friends and to provide a channel of association among Quakers everywhere.

Chairman Gerold W. Dillon is optimistic in looking forward to the July conference. He believes that after the previous sessions held on occasion at Colorado Springs, Colo., Wichita, Kans., and Oskaloosa, Iowa, the fourth conference will present opportunity to meet a developing need for increased association of Friends.

Purpose of the conference is to promote the fellowship of the Gospel among all Friends. This the conference aims to do by achieving through organization the following objectives:

(1) To provide fellowship and inspiration among those of "like precious faith."

(2) To make articulate the united voice of Evangelical Friends on all matters pertaining to doctrine and life.

(3) To provide a possible means of association, interchange of concerns and cooperative promotion of the Evangelical Friends' service in various areas such as missions, evangelism, education, publications, youth work, relief, etc.

(4) To promote among all Friends a sense of Christian responsibility for active participation in the speedy evangelization of the world, and to work for revival throughout Quakerdom, relying solely upon the moral power of truth and love, and the power of the Holy Spirit, for the accomplishment of this task.

Presbyterian Union Plans Presented to Two Churches

PHILADELPHIA—(RNS)—A Plan of Union for the Presbyterian Church in the USA and the United Presbyterian Church of North America has been sent to all commissioners elected to the General Assemblies of the two denominations.

The plan was formulated by a joint drafting committee named by the Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations of the United Presbyterian body.

It is based on a three-way merger proposal approved overwhelmingly by the USA and United Churches in 1954-55 but defeated by a vote of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in the US (Southern).

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA will vote on the two-way merger when it meets in Philadelphia, May 24-30. The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church will act at its meeting in Knoxville, Tenn., June 13-19.

If the assemblies approve it, the merger plan will be sent down to the presbyteries of both Churches for their vote. Should they endorse it the two denominations will unite in a combined General Assembly tentatively scheduled for May, 1958, in Pittsburgh.

The merged Church will have about 3,000,000 members and include more than 9,000 congregations and 10,000 ordained ministers. It will be called the United Presbyterian Church in the USA.

Fundamentalist Southern Baptist Pastors Organize

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—(RNS)—Plans to establish a new fundamentalist organization of Southern Baptist ministers were mapped at a meeting here attended by pastors, evangelists and laymen. The group will be independent of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor of Highland Park Baptist church here, said the meeting was attended by 152 representatives from eight states.

The new group, to be known as the Southern Baptist Fellowship, will be officially formed in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 26-28, Dr. Roberson said.

The pastor, who claims that his church has 14,000 members here and in small chapels in the surrounding area, is chairman of a committee plan-

ning the organization meeting. He said the Fellowship expects to have at least 500 members at the time it meets in Atlanta.

According to Dr. Roberson, the "sole purpose" of the organization is to provide fellowship "for like-minded Baptists" who subscribe to its Articles of Faith. A main point of this creedal statement is belief in the "pre-millennium coming of Christ."

"It is not the present purpose of the organization to sponsor any missionary enterprise or educational work," he said. Dr. Roberson and the Southern Baptist Convention have been at odds for some time.

Graham Sees America In Spiritual Rebirth

CHICAGO—(RNS)—America is undergoing the "greatest spiritual renaissance in history," Evangelist Billy Graham told the eighth annual meeting of the National Council of Presbyterian Men here.

But he added that "we are failing to translate our Christianity into our daily lives."

Mr. Graham said he had come home from his recent evangelistic tour of the Far East "more convinced than ever that we must start living Christianity and acting like Christians."

He said his trip had convinced him that Communism has no appeal for the poor.

"Its appeal is to the intellectuals," he said. "Communism has a philosophical basis. Christianity of the Western world also has such a basis, but we don't know it, don't practice it."

Mr. Graham said that 80 per cent of all Americans, including children, are "identified with some church today" as compared with pioneer days when the figure was only 19 per cent.

Dr. Charles B. Templeton, director of evangelism for the Presbyterian Church in the USA, said that American men are taking seriously their task of spreading knowledge of Christianity.

He warned, however, that in carrying out this task they need to "background" their work with a better knowledge of the Bible.

"The tragedy of our time," Dr. Templeton said, "is that while the Bible is still the world's best-selling book it is so little read. The way to read it is to read until you come to something that speaks to you.

Merle G. Jones, retiring president, told the 3,500 members attending the meeting that he had traveled 55,000 miles in 1955 to address 16,000 men at 67 council meetings in the USA and Cuba. The organization, founded in 1949, now has a membership of 500,000 in 2,500 chapters.

Kenneth G. McGilvary of Sacramento, Calif., was installed as new president of the council at the closing session.

—SUNDAY SCHOOL—

Albany to Be Host for Hudson-Mohawk Rally

ALBANY, N. Y.—The annual Sunday School Rally, sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Fellowship of Evangelicals, will be held May 7, at the Washington Avenue Alliance Church here, with afternoon and evening

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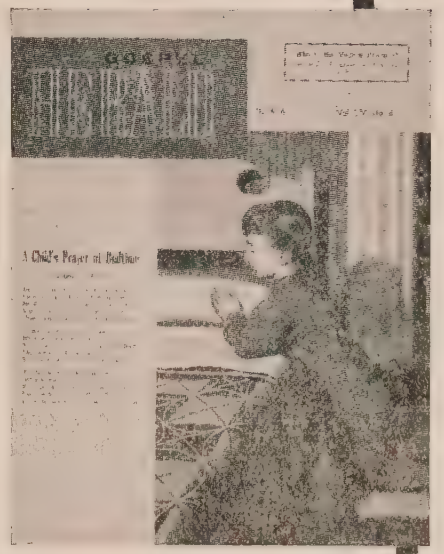

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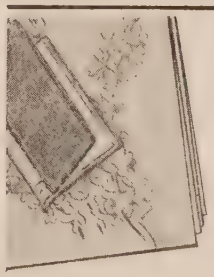

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—PUBLIC AFFAIRS—

Bishop Asks Catholics Avoid Sunday Business

TOLEDO, O.—(RNS)—With additional grocery stores making plans to open for business on Sunday, Bishop George J. Rehring of the Toledo Roman Catholic Diocese urged the faithful not to patronize them.

The bishop declared in a pastoral letter that "people intent upon keeping the Lord's Day holy may find themselves helpless in closing stores on Sundays, but they can and certainly must do their part by denying them business."

By mid-April nearly all of the larger grocery stores in the Toledo area may be open on Sundays.

Bishop Rehring said that "disregard of the Lord's Day is cause for serious concern . . . woe to us that many of its hours are now claimed for selfish, earthly ends."

He added that the present forty-hour week with its long evenings and Saturday holiday provides ample time for personal and family purchases.

"Sunday is desecrated by those who perform, order, request or allow unnecessary servile work," the prelate stressed. "Sunday also is desecrated by those who cooperate with those violators. Such cooperation is given by everyone who lends encouragement to infractions of the law through their assistance or patronage."

Baptists to Boycott Sunday Supermarkets

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—(RNS)—Baptists here and in neighboring St. Paul have been asked by their pastors to impose a seven-day-a-week boycott on any supermarkets which open for Sunday business.

The request was contained in a resolution adopted by the Twin City Conference Baptist Ministerial Association.

"Our American tradition of a work-free Sunday, except where vital to the community life, is a great encouragement to spiritual development," the resolution said.

"The breakdown of this tradition would greatly discourage and hinder church attendance."

—PRESS—

Bible Still Dominates American Book Market

NEW YORK—The nation's Bible sales spurted upward at the outbreak of World War II and have been rising steadily since, writes Daniel M. Burnham in the *Wall Street Journal.* Mr. Burnham discloses many interesting facts:

In comparison with other best-selling books, the Bible is far and away the undisputed leader in sales. In 1955, for example, 430,000 copies of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's "Gifts From the Sea" were sold throught bookstores and was rated the best seller for the year by Publishers' Weekly, book trade journal. The Bible's 1955 sales: Near six million.

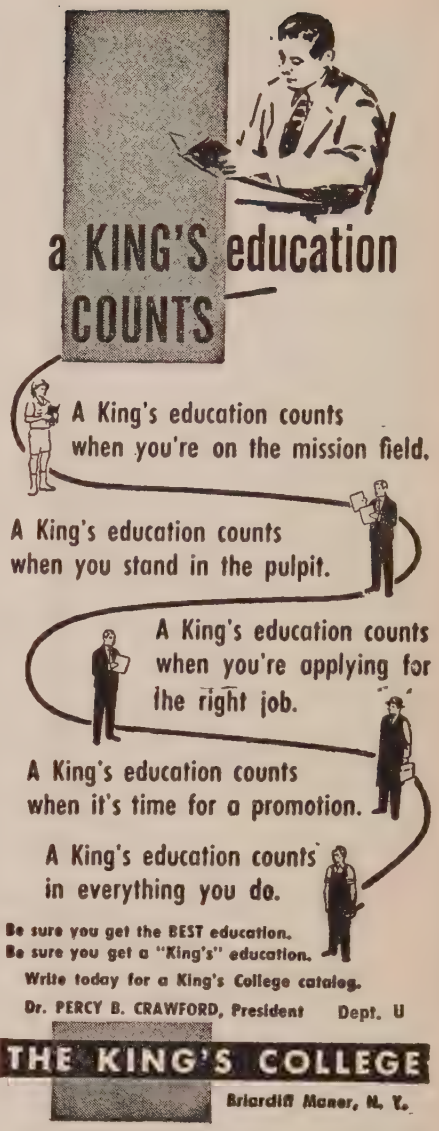
The new Revised Standard Version was released in September, 1952, with one of the biggest promotions ever given a single book. The Thomas Nelson publishing house paid $500,000 to the advertising agency of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn to initiate the sales campaign.

"We're using every technique of modern advertising—providing it's dignified—to put the new version across," says William R. McCulley, president of Thomas Nelson. "By the end of this year, we'll have spent $1.8 million to push the RSV." The results: Nelson sold 774,469 RSV's in the first three months of the campaign and nearly four million to date. Sales this year are expected to be about 850,000, up 20% over a year ago.

Interestingly enough, sales of older versions of the Bible have gone up despite the competition from the RSV newcomer. "We had record sales in 1953, 1954 and 1955," reports Wilbur Ruggles, manager and editor of the American religious department of Oxford University Press, which sells the King James and other versions.

The American Bible Society, founded to "encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment," also is vigorously promoting the Bible.

The venerable ABS has distributed about fifty million Bibles at cost or less since its founding in 1816; in 1954 alone, it gave away over 550,000 copies.



Zondervan Announces New Textbook Contest

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The Zondervan Publishing House has announced a new Christian Textbook Contest which will be in progress through September 30, 1958. Cash awards totaling $2,000 are being offered as follows: First Prize, $1,500; Second Prize, $350; Third Prize, $150. Half of each of the three prizes will be an outright award and the other half an advance on royalty.

Texts in any field of Christian education on the Christian college and Bible institute level may be submitted. There will be only one winner in any one field. For complete details write: Zondervan Publishing House, Attention: Book Editor, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

Christian Advocate Dies Family Monthly Preferred

CHICAGO—(RNS)—*The Christian Advocate,* official weekly publication of The Methodist Church and one of the oldest religious journals in the nation, will be replaced this fall by "a new and strikingly different" family monthly.

This announcement was made here by Lovick Pierce of Nashville, Tenn., administrative head of The Methodist Publishing House.

He also said that a new church paper would replace *The Pastor,* a Methodist journal for ministers and lay leaders.

Foreign Language Journals Launched

CHICAGO.—Evangelical newspapers in foreign languages are appearing in several parts of the world.

Vida, the new Spanish-language magazine for circulation in Latin America, is being edited by Paul Sheetz of the Evangelical Alliance Mission. This is the first project of of LEAL (Literatura Evangelica para America Latina).

Overseas Missionary Fellowhip (CIM) has completed plans for the publication of a news magazine in Chinese. It will have thirty-two pages in five colors, profusely illustrated, with modern format. Paul Bartel, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, will be the editor.

The pubication of the French magazine, *Envol,* has been moved from Abijan, West Africa, to Leopoldville in the Congo. The change was made for economic reasons and at the unanimous invitation of the Congo Protestant Council.

WORLD-WIDE

Communists Push Drive to Sever Church Membership

BERLIN—(RNS)—Workers in government-operated factories in Communist East Germany have been informed that notaries will be brought into the plants to accept declarations officially discontinuing their church membership.

For some time, Soviet Zone newspapers have been conducting a campaign to "enlighten" readers on how to sever their church connections. They have stressed that "clerical procedures involved will be taken care of without cost by all registrars' offices and authorized notaries."

The papers claimed that the decision to bring notaries directly into factories for this purpose was arranged by government plant.

Religious Liberty in Pakistan Constitution

KARACHI, Pakistan—(RNS)—Religious freedom is assured Christians and members of other minority groups in the constitution of the new "Islamic Republic of Pakistan." The nation, almost 86 per cent Moslem, is now an independent unit in the British Commonwealth.

The charter, approved after eight years of discussion by two successive constituent assemblies, was signed four days before Maj. Gen. Uskander Mirza, former Governor General, was elected first President of the new State. He took office on March 23.

Under the constitution, the President must be a Moslem, in deference to the religion of the majority.

But the preamble requires that "adequate provision" be assured minorities "freely to profess and practice their religion." It also stipulates that their "legitimate interests" must be safeguarded.

The minority groups include some 528,000 Christians, about 300,000 of whom are Protestants, and the rest Roman Catholics. They represent only seven-tenths of one per cent of the total population of around 76,000,000. The largest minority group are the Hindus, numbering about thirteen per cent of the people.

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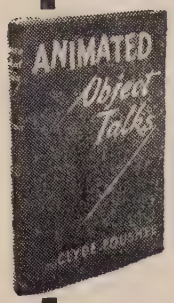

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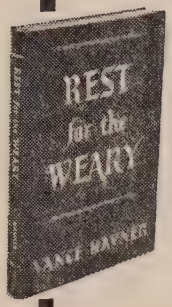

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WUPPERTAL, Germany—Formation of a Working Committee of Protestant Churches in Europe that will include church bodies on both sides of the Iron Curtain was agreed upon by European Protestant leaders at the conference here.

Its aim is to achieve "closer cooperation on theological, cultural, social and political tasks."

The new organization, expected to be set up at another conference next winter, will operate within the framework of the ecumenical movement, the leaders said. It will work in close cooperation with existing inter-Church groups such as the Franco-German, Netherlands-West German, British-German, Scandinavian-German, and German-Czech Christian Fellowships.

The Working Committee also was directed to establish contacts with the Anglican Church and Orthodox Churches.

Participants in the conference here included Christian Fellowship leaders from Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Great Britain, and the Scandinavian countries.

Also present were observers from headquarters of the World Council of Churches in Geneva.

PERSONALIA

Billy Graham will be the opening speaker at the 44th annual meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C., April 30. The three-day convention is expected to draw 3,500 business men to the capital city.

J. Edwin Orr and his Revival Fellowship team are in meetings "down under." Great meetings in Auckland drew thousands to hear the Gospel in February. Dr. Orr lectured for two weeks in the Bible Training Institute of New Zealand. He was in South Island for March, April and May. July will be spent in Northland, August and September in Greater Auckland and the rest of the year in North Island, including Wellington.

Alexander M. Dodds of Bagdad, Ariz., has received three George Washington Honor Medals and an Honor Certificate in recent awards of the Freedoms Foundation.

Roy L. Laurin, Southwest NAE regional leader, is now president of the Los Angeles Chapter of Protestants and Other Americans United. He is assuming a leading role in the establishment of a new Area Office of the POAU on the Pacific Coast.

Paul S. Rees and **Clyde W. Taylor** headlined a rich program at the 18th Annual Pastors' and Christian Service Conference at Providence-Barrington Bible College April 2-5.

Peter R. Joshua who for three years has been touring the major cities of America and Canada has just closed a preaching mission at the famous Eglin Air Force Base near Pensacola, Florida. Seven chaplains united to arrange the services at the Base Chapel.

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true biblical theology were neglected by some of the men discussed in this book, and some others who did adhere to these methods in the latter part of the period were neglected by our author.

"Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy." George F. Thomas. xvi, 539 pp. Schribner's.

The book is in four parts: "The Development of Christian Ethics," "The Christian Doctrine of Man," "Christian Ethics and Society," and "Faith and Reason in Ethics." Each of these is subdivided so that there are twenty-two chapters in all. The author discovered through teaching philosophy for thirteen years and through teaching ethics also that most recent moral philosophers were indifferent to "the long tradition of Christian ethical teaching which has had such a profound influence upon Western thought and life, and . . . by the sterility of much of the meticulous analysis of ethical categories in our time" (p. xiii).

"Christian Faith Today." Stephen Neill. 272 pp. Penguin. 65c.

Much of the material was presented in a lecture series sponsored by the Faculty of Divinity of the University of Cambridge. The treatment draws richly upon the author's long service as a missionary in India under the Anglican Church.

Mr. Neill competently examines contemporary man and society in the light of modern knowledge and against historic background. He likewise treats the historic Christian faith in the light of modern scholarship and seems to get close to its New Testament revelation. However, there is no distinct claim for the unique divinity of Jesus. On the contrary the impression is given that Jesus is supreme among all men in grasping and doing the will of God and thus achieves a basis for the faith of all men. "Then Jesus came, and the universe flowered. What God had so long looked for at last He saw—in a human mind that was able to grasp His purpose, in a heart that manifested perfectly the divine quality of love, in a human will perfectly surrendered to His will even unto death" (p. 162).

For some Neill may appear to place too much reliance on scientific findings and critical biblical scholarship. But in this he is relatively moderate and presents Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord through whom men by faith have "the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

The theologian and the serious pastor of today can ill afford to overlook this book. —*Alvin A. Ahern.*

"Introduction to Philosophy." Max Rosenberg. 502 pp. Philosophical Library. $6.00.

Philosophy for the common man is the goal of this volume. Adopting Spinoza's rule, "to speak in a manner comprehensible to the people," Rosenberg does just that. Likely it will please no philosopher, but John Doe can read it. Although obviously theistic the author nevertheless does not force his readers to decide—he invites. Another virtue is that a wide range of views is presented in few words, but a fault is that these are not documented. There is a good index of some 28 columns.

"General Revelation." G. C. Berkouwer. 336 pp. Eerdmans. $4.00.

In this big gun of the now well known and highly respected Dutch theologian we have a quick coming to grips with the Barthian attack on natural theology, an examination of the Roman Catholic defense of natural theology, and a true bowing "to the Word of God" as the only way one will be able "to find his way through the underbrush in these discussions" (p. 16). He discusses the nature Psalms, concluding that they do not offer us a true natural theology. Revelation is then discussed with reference to knowledge, fulfillment, and illumination. Taking up the problem of Romans 1 the author believes that "there is no possibility of excuse for their ignorance, as though they had lived outside of revelation. There is only reason for a complaint on the part of God, for they have known him in the irrefutability of his revelation which they have, nonetheless, refuted" (p. 151). The so-called "universal consciousness of justice" implicit in the universal declaration of human rights made by the Assembly of the United Nations in Paris in 1948 is called into question by Berkouwer (p. 188). "Man's thinking discards the mystery of his origin and preservation and in so doing he avoids the consequences of the problem-less man but creates himself a new problem: a free man or an absurd man. . . Outside of Christ there is no way to life out of these depths" (p. 229). "No true knowledge of the revelation of God in the works of his hands is obtainable without faith in Christ" (p. 285).

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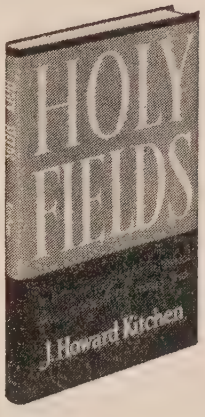

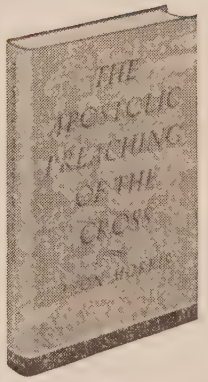

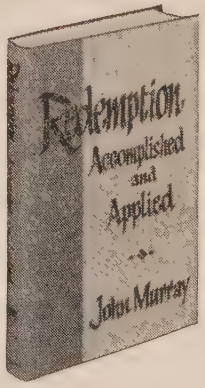

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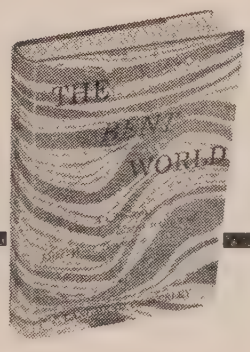

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"Subject and Object in Modern Theology." James Brown. 214 pp. Macmillan. $3.75.

The statement that "the incarnation, the appearance of the eternal in time as an individual Man, namely, the particular human being called Jesus of Nazareth, really happened, is 'true history,' is historically true," points up Brown's 1953 Croall lectures at the University of Edinburgh. The lectures deal seriously with the philosophical and theological concepts of Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Buber, and Barth in a way that helps give perspective to modern theology.

The book reflects the warm pastoral understanding of the minister of Colmonell, Ayrshire, as well as the erudition of one who has sought diligently and effectively for the truth as it is in Jesus.

The treatment is one in the new series called The Library of Philosophy and Theology, which is designed to reflect the "post-liberal, post-idealist, atomic age in theology." It is not easy reading. However it will reward the reader with a concise and critical handling of how God may be and is understood and experienced as Object by the human Subject through the context of human experience before and since the Incarnation, but only because of, and particularly in, the Incarnation.—*Alvin A. Ahern.*

"Psychology of Religion (A Christian Interpretation)." H. C. Witherington. 344 pp. Eerdmans. $3.50.

Here is a book that may set a new trend. It seems to supersede the efforts of James, Hall, Starbuck, Pratt, Leuba and Ames, for it attempts with resolute determination to be both Christian and psychological. It has a direction of thrust similar to that in Professor Hildreth Cross' *An Introduction to Psychology,* in that it does not shrink from adequate consideration of all the basic tenets of biblical Christianity.

In fact, Professor Witherington maintains, as a consistent Christian psychologist, that "it may prove to be more difficult to explain away the spiritual than to revise our system of psychology." "Psychology," he contends, "need not be irreligious, and religion need not be totally unscientific. Neither should have a copyright on terms or meanings."

He deals in a forthright manner with such topics as motivation, regeneration, prayer, counseling and psychotherapy, semantics, demon-possession, faith healing and prophetic concepts. He believes that the ultimate dynamic is spiritual, and that man cannot lift himself by his own bootstraps. It is not ponderously philosophic in its approach because it is meant to be an introduction to the Psychology of the Christian Religion.

Clarity and cautious conviction characterize this effort. As a good psychologist and educator, Professor Witherington presents his material in a cogent and comprehensive fashion, and proposes at the end of each of the fifteen chapters a list of appropriate questions, problems and exercises for the student. There are appendices in the form of check-tests on Introversion-Extroversion, Attitude toward the Bible, and Conversion, with a useful Glossary.

It should not be assumed that only undergraduates will find value in this book, for this work will afford every reader a fresh and stimulating interpretation of evangelical religion through the keen eyes of unbiased modern psychology. May this trend continue.—*M. Stanley Congdon.*

"Foundations of Christian Knowledge." Georgia Harkness. 160 pp. Abingdon. $2.75.

Dr. Harkness aims to lay bare the authority undergirding the Christian faith. In the climate of theological uncertainty today, there is no more fundamental task.

The author acknowledges that "from the earliest centuries of the Christian era to the nineteenth" revelation was interpreted as a divine impartation of truths (p. 76). With equal accuracy, she could well have added that this was also the viewpoint of Old and New Testament writers, and of Jesus the Christ.

Professor Harkness proposes other foundations than the inscripturated revelation of the Logos. "Revelation is given, not in the form of impregnable dogmas . . . but as a living encounter with the living God" (p. 95). Although arguing that no doctrine is infallibly true, she excoriates fundamentalists for insisting on certain doctrines (p. 103f.), yet argues that the Trinity (apparently in the objectionable sense of three

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"manifestations of one God") is "a valid, even an essential Christian doctrine" (p. 119).

Dr. Harkness seeks a theology between liberalism and neo-orthodoxy. She rightly assures us that Jesus Christ is the only ultimate authority for Christian knowledge (p. 148) and places a welcome stress—for an existentialist—upon the indispensable role of coherence and consistency as a test for truth. The former appeal, if rightly guarded, would displease no evangelical; the latter is a welcome break-through of the claims of evangelical apologetics into the circle of encounter-theology. But both appeals embarrass Professor Harkness' effort more than she knows. For Christ pledged His disciples to the authority of the revealed Old Testament truths, and the author therefore distrusts the biblical Jesus. Moreover, the appeal to non-conceptual revelation, and yet simultaneously to coherence as a test, asks it knows not what. Either revelation is rational, and hence susceptible to rational tests (in which case the historic Hebrew-Christian view of revealed truths is not to be excluded) or it is existential (in which case Dr. Harkness is left with no other support for her notions of revelation than that "it strikes *me* that way").—*Carl F. H. Henry.*

"Luther's Works, Volume 12: Selected Psalms I." Edited by Jaroslav Pelikan. xi, 418 pp. Concordia. $5.00.

From the standpoint of long term and basic research significance this is the most interesting of the past year's publications in the religious field. It marks the first volume to be issued of a projected 55-volume set of Luther's works in English, which will bring for the first time some of his writings into English translation. In this volume are expositions of Psalms 2, 8, 19, 23, 26, 45, and 51. Translations are by several scholars under Pelikan's supervisions.

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The editors must be thanked for adding both subject and Scripture indexes, and the publishers for putting these volumes into artistically attractive bindings of long wearing buckram and have employed good quality paper. They have even left room for library numbers on the spine!

"The Dead Sea Scrolls, with Translations by the Author." Millar Burrows. xv, 435 pp. Viking. $6.50.

Such a book as this could hardly have been written before it was, and one wonders whether such a book will need to be written again. Of course there will be further developments and the documents will have to be published and interpreted, but the story is told here so fully of the discoveries and the problems connected with the collection and decipherment of the scrolls, their dating, and the implications of them for the various branches of biblical and other studies, that to do it again would be to repeat much of this. Dr. Burrows was very close to these developments from the beginning, and is furthermore not swayed by extreme interpretations of the writings.

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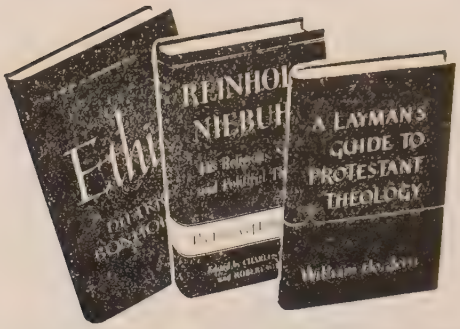

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"Religion in Crisis and Custom, a Sociological and Psychological Study." Anton T. Boisen. xv. 271 pp. Harper. $4.00.

Rollo May said that this book "will go down as one of the few really original and lasting contributions to the psychology of religion in our period." Seward Hiltner writes in the foreword, "The sociologist, psychologist, and psychiatrist will find much that is provocative in its pages" (p. xii). What has the author done here that is so unusual?

Many years, many people, several institutions, and a mental illness which overtook the author himself all contributed to this extensive study of socio-religious phenomena in America. Boisen has been chaplain of the Elgin (Ill.) State Hospital since 1932, and has done a great deal of field work and counseling in regard to patients in this institution and another mental hospital. Has worked very closely with many of the leading authorities in pastoral counseling and psychiatry. He has written previously *The Exploration of the Inner World.*

Crisis experience in religion is especially studied here. Old time Methodist camp meetings, Holy Rollers, and the staid city congregations will all come under scrutiny. Not since William James' *Varieties of Religious Experience* has so much work gone into a volume of this kind, and James did not have available in his day the knowledge that Boisen had. Like all scientific data this will be subject to varying interpretations, and many will be disappointed to find that the author does not find conformation of the doctrine of vicarious atonement in psychiatric experience, although he does find confirmation of the Messianic consciousness of Jesus and conviction of sin as the first step toward this volume.

"The Gospel According to St. John, an Introduction with Commentary and Notes on the Greek Text." C. K. Barrett. xii, 530 pp. Macmillan. $10.00.

The author is a lecturer at Durham University and has written *The Holy Spirit and the Gospel Tradition* besides contributions to the *Journal of Theological Studies.* Introductory matters of this book cover 120 pages. The non-Christian and Christian background are discussed at length, and the author has explored the Hebrew foundations more extensively than most commentators previously. The "Hebraic and Hellenistic elements are to be found in the gospel, and not lying side by side in a manner that could easily be disposed of by a source hypothesis, but fused into a unitary presentation of the universal significance of Jesus (p. 32).

Barrett finds the eschatological element fundamental to John's Gospel, not merely incidental (p. 58). He finds the messianic hope more common in John than elsewhere (p. 59). "There is more sacramental teaching in John than in the other gospels" (p. 69). "Of mysticism . . . there is nothing in John" (p. 71). He sets forth the theory that the Gospel was produced by a pupil of John the Apostle out of materials that the Apostles had written. "John . . . is a quite credible product of any date between 90 and 140" (p. 108).

Every careful Bible student owes it to himself and his hearers to study this volume because of its vast scope and because of the greatly extended sources used in the commentary drawn from the recent German scholarship in Judaic and other backgrounds to the Gospels.

"Missionary Health Manual." Paul E. Adolph. 136 pp. Moody Press. $3.00.

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"Luther." Rudolf Theil. Translated by Gustav Wiencke. xiii, 492 pp. Muhlenberg. $5.00.

There are a number of Luther biographies of late. This one has the distinction of presenting in addition to the recounting of the main facts of his life and work the impressions Luther made on his enemies. This latter is in the form of direct quotations from their writings interspersed with the discussion. Since this biography is for the general reader there are no references to sources. The writing itself is terse and to the point, the chapters are

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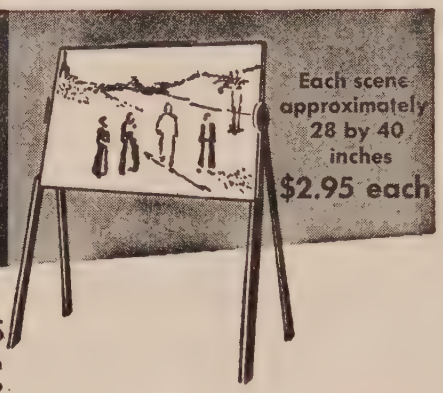

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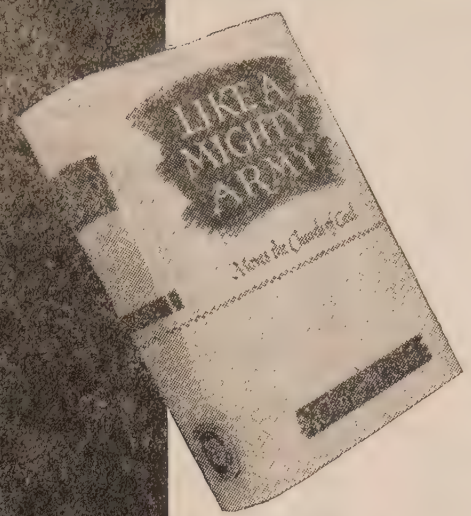

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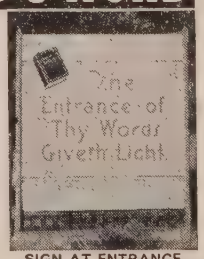

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"Reinhold Niebuhr: His Religious, Social, and Political Thought." Edited by Charles W. Kegley and Robert W. Bretall. xiv, 486 pp. Macmillan. $6.50.

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"To Every Man an Answer; A Systematic Study of the Scriptural Basis of Christian Doctrine." Richard H. Bube. 510 pp. Moody Press.

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"The New Testament for English Readers, Containing the Authorized Version, Marginal Corrections of Readings and Renderings, Marginal References, and a Critical and Explanatory Commentary." Henry Alford. vi. 1942 pp. Moody Press. $9.95.

Dean Alford was a member of the New Testament Revision Committee for the Revised Version of the Scriptures. His notes on the Greek Testament are used extensively by Bible students and teachers who know Greek. This present work was prepared for those who do not know Greek, but preserves most of the values of the original work. Originally in four volumes, this edition is printed on thin paper and presents a handy volume for reference.

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"Maid of Israel." Tolbert R. Ingram. 270 pp. Broadman. $3.00. We don't know her name, but the little maid who directed Naaman to visit the prophet for healing is well known to every Sunday School scholar. The author, a veteran newspaperman, has reconstructed a most interesting story around this charming biblical character. This is the publisher's first major biblical novel.

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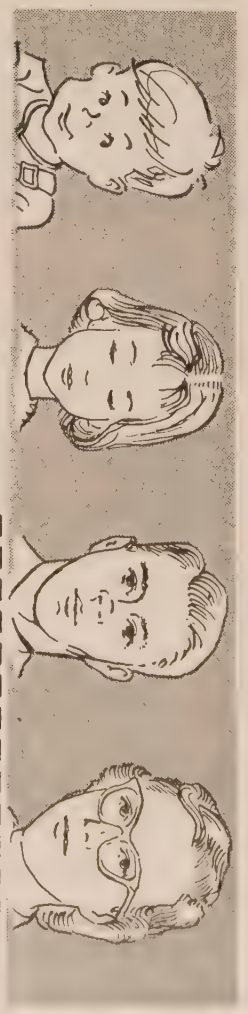

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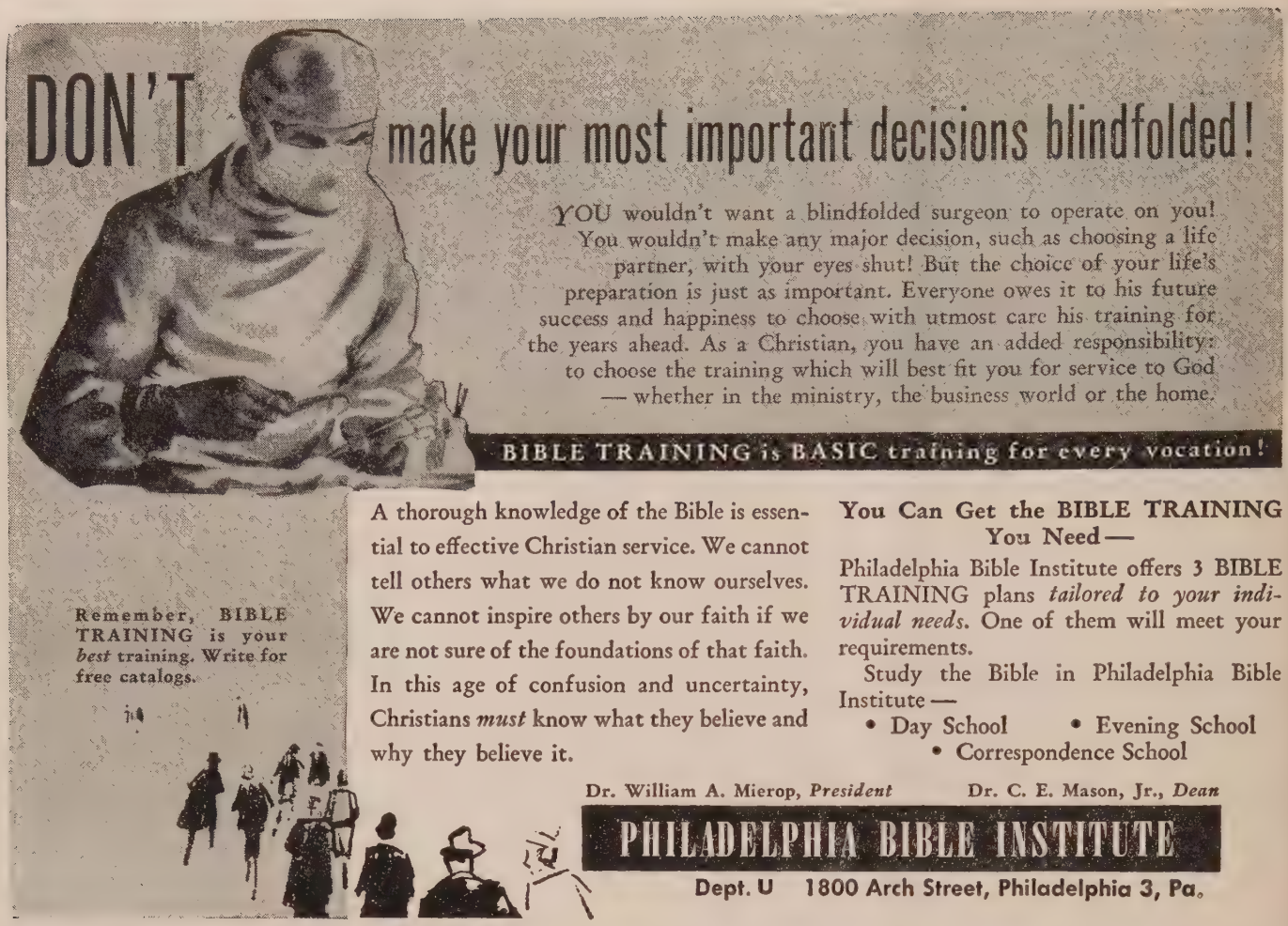

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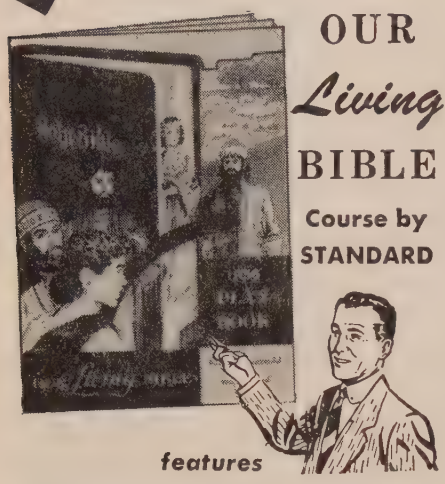

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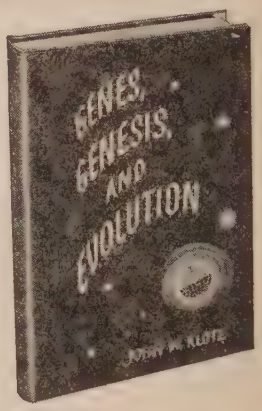

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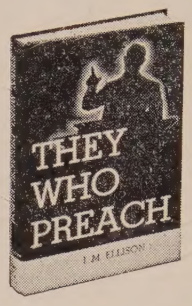

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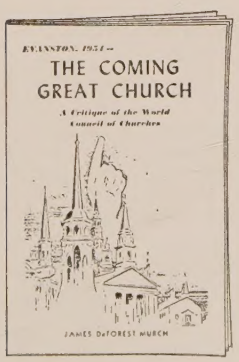

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